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SUBJ: GENERAL STRIKE OUAGADOUGOU

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[redacted] SAW PRESIDENT YAMEOGO AGAIN 1900, JAN 3. PRESIDENT STATED HE HAD TOLD ARMY TO ANNOUCE RESCINDING OF SALARY CUTS. PRESIDENT STILL NOT WILLING NEGOTIATE. ARMY CHIEF STAFF LAMIZWNA, WHOM AMBASSADOR SAW BRIEFLY OUTSIDE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, EXPRESSED DOUBT CANCELLATION SALARY CUTS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. INDICATED ARMY UNDER GREAT PRESSURE. [redacted] UNDERSTANDS BEGNON KONE, PRES NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BEING SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE

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REPLACEMENT FOR PRESIDENT YAMEOGO.

LAMIZANA ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION SALARY CUT TO CHEERING CROWD OUTSIDE ARMY CENTER 1830. CROWD CALLED FOR ARMY TAKE POWER BUT LAMIZANA AVOIDED COMMITMENT. ADAMA TRAORE, PERMANENT SECRETARY ICFTU ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATION VOLTAIQUE DES SYNDICATES LIBRES, JUST RELEASED PRISON, INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER SALARY CUT NOT SUFFICIENT AND YAMEOGO MUST GO. SIMILAR SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY OTHER CONTACTS AMONG DEMONTRATORS.

[redacted] I HAVE, HOWEVER, ARRANGED WITH DIRECTOR SURETE ARZOUMA OUEDRA HO FOR TWO-MAN OUTPOST AT US EMBASSY TOMORROW WHO WILL BE ABLE CONTACT SURETE IF PROTECTION NEEDED. ARRANGEMENT NOT FULLY SATISFACTORY BUT BEST POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

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